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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 July 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 5,7-14,19 and 25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 5,7-14,19 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

FINAL DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 5,7-14,19,25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by **Abe** (US 5,555,294)

As to claims 5,9,11-12,19,25, **Abe** teaches a communication apparatus (Figure 2) comprising:

a setting unit (Figure 4) for setting configured to set a communication scheme in which a user determines whether or not a normal mode (bulk communication) is granted in a sending communication and a receiving communication independently (Figure 4, label S44);

a communication unit configured to conduct the normal mode (bulk communication) and a special purpose mode (non-bulk communication) with a partner via a plurality of communication channels (Figure 4); and

a control unit configured to control the number of communication channels in the sending communication and the receiving communication separately in accordance with the communication scheme set by said setting unit enabling the user to control the bulk communication in the sending communication and the receiving communication independently (Col. 5, lines 40-44).

As to Claims 7-8,13, **Abe** teaches the apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said communication unit can communicate with a plurality of communication partners, and said setting unit can set the number of channels used when a communication with another communication partner is to be started while communicating using the communication channels, the number of which is controlled by said control unit (Figures 5 and 6 and Col. 6, lines 33-38).

As to Claims 10,14, **Abe** teaches the apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said communication unit can communicate using a plurality of schemes, and said setting unit can set whether or not a communication via the plurality of communication channels is granted in each of the plurality of communication schemes (Col. 6, lines 33-38).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed in the 7/5/05 Remarks have been fully considered but they are not persuasive because of the following:

Abe teaches a normal mode where there is no idle channel and which is equivalent to the claimed and disclosed bulk communication (Col. 5, lines 40-44).

The arguments with respect to **Brakefield** were persuasive. Those rejections were withdrawn.

Examiner respectfully invites Applicant to contact Examiner to discuss possible amendments for overcoming the prior art of record.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Shimada et al. (US 5,581,560) teaches sharing a telephone line for voice and data communications.

Ogasawara (US 4,888,766) teaches a plurality of ISDN terminals sharing a communication line.

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any response to this final action should be mailed to:

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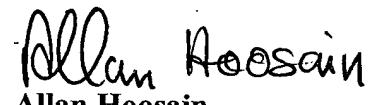
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Fan Tsang**, can be reached on (571) 272-7547.

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Primary Examiner

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